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# A Jones for comedy in the Pub

by Ray Bert  
Newspeak Staff

Two Towers After Hours presented its last performer of 1990 Friday night in Gompei's with the appearance of Scott Jones and his "Life in the Laugh Lane" act. The evening was billed as an "entertainment extravaganza," and delivered for the crowd of several hundred as Jones bounced back and forth between five pretty distinct types of performance.

The least popular of these seemed to be his musical bits with both piano/synthesizers and guitar. One sing-along number and a short piece with goofy noises on the synthesizers came off well, but otherwise the music numbers were a bit lame comedy-wise (though he possesses considerable musical talent).

Next, Jones had a sort of theme regarding generic products. He gave them away periodically as prizes and

held a mock game show at the end to get rid of the rest of them.

He also included a bizarre bit with a bunch of weird toys, his favorite of which was a rubber man-like figure covered with suction cups and named "Suckerman." Noting that a copy of one of his comedy albums did not stick to Suckerman, he concluded that his material "doesn't suck."

Jones also did a fair amount of straight stand-up, most of which he did

well. His interaction with the audience was effective, particularly his tormenting of a girl with a very strange, high-pitched and quite audible giggle.

The biggest laughs, though, were saved for two sequences of slides with Jones' running commentary reminiscent of George Carlin. The montage was composed of actual pictures Jones has taken on his cross-country travels, mostly of bizarre road signs and other strange visuals. Examples were a sign

on a southern store proclaiming "Hep-Ur-Sef," and a speed limit sign lettered "55 means 55." The humor came largely from the cumulative effect of the hundred plus slides together with Jones' wry comments and observations. By the end of the two hour show they were moving so rapidly that many people were in a state of constant hysterics.

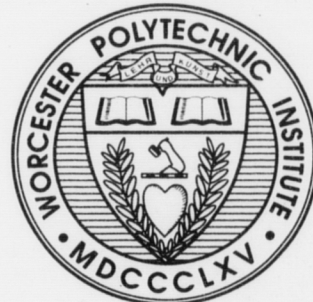
All in all, a strange, varied and vastly entertaining evening.

## WPI Newspeak

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## Program makes abstract concepts more tangible

(News Service) The pattern that gradually lights up the computer monitor in Peter Levin's lab at Worcester Polytechnic Institute looks like a quilt in progress—several triangles appear, then more, then still more, until the entire area is filled with what resembles an intricate design for a one-patch coverlet. But the image on the screen is not the work of some robotic seamstress; rather it is something far more complex—a "mesh generator," a computer-generated grid used in finite element and boundary element analysis.

Levin, an assistant professor of electrical engineering who joined the WPI faculty in 1988, has been working graduate students and undergraduates to help students and scientists grasp the complex relationships between electric fields and charges that are at the heart of electromagnetism, the study of the physics that underlies important technologies like power transmission and satellite communications. The greatest obstacle, he says, is that comprehending these relationships requires not only mathematical dexterity but also, and perhaps most important, the ability to visualize abstract concepts.

"Because instructors who teach electromagnetism draw complex electromagnetic fields on the blackboard, they are often forced to use fairly simple interactions as classroom examples and when they assign problems for homework," Levin explains. "In the real world, the structure and shape of practical electromagnetic fields are far more complicated. The challenge is to create a visual representation of all these fields, even the most complex.

We are beginning to understand how we can use the computer to "draw" the difficult-to-visualize results of these processes."

Since 1989 Levin has been conducting his research in the Institute's Computational Fields Lab, located on the third floor of Atwater Kent. Funding for the lab has come from a number of corporate sponsors including \$68,500 from the Westinghouse Foundation; equipment was purchased with a portion of a \$130,000 grant awarded to the Electrical Engineering Department by the Digital Equipment Corp. in support of Levin's work in educational software development.

Research in the lab continues to focus on the numerical analysis of electromagnetic field phenomena. Levin's system is based on the Charge Simulation Program—software he wrote as a graduate student at Carnegie-Mellon University, where he earned his doctoral degree in electrical engineering. At WPI, Levin and Drazen Beadovic, a Ph. D. candidate from Yugoslavia, have been adding to the capabilities of the program, increasing its flexibility and expanding the range of problems students can examine with the software. The goal is to incorporate the techniques of three dimensional boundary element analysis into the computer program to make it capable of creating realistic representations of highly complicated fields.

"The work we are doing in the Computational Fields Lab at WPI has both a research and a teaching component," says Levin, "and we are doing state-of-the-art research here. This is one of the few labs in the world that is

actively involved in integrating the latest computer technology into both the classroom and industrial applications." Levin explains that numerical analysis will play an "ever-increasing and vital role in the design and analysis of equipment that would be terribly expensive to build prototypes of. With the techniques we are developing at WPI we will eventually be able to help waste management companies design systems to remove aluminum cans from the waste stream, to help electric companies design more efficient and reliable power transmission equipment, and to understand the complicated process behind electric discharge machining, which is used in the manufacture of precision ceramic components for the space and auto industries." Programs such as these can also be used in determining whether electromagnetic fields have any harmful effects on humans.

The high-quality, state of the art numerical analysis programs, written at the Computational Fields Lab, are used in WPI's undergraduate and graduate curricula. "We are one of the few schools in the country that have integrated this material into their courses," says Levin, "and several of the colleges that do rely on these types of materials are using programs that were developed here at WPI."

The mesh generator is an example of how undergraduates can help scientists understand extraordinarily difficult concepts. The program was written by Andrew J. Hansen, a senior electrical engineering major from Nasal, Neb. Hansen began his research in January 1990 as an independent study. Working under the direction of

Levin, Beadovic and Arthur J. Butler, visiting assistant professor of electrical engineering, Hansen created the grid, which Levin describes as "central to any numerical analysis program." The independent study has become Hansen's Major Qualifying Project. Hansen plans to remain at WPI to pursue a master's degree in electrical engineering and expects to continue his research in Levin's lab.

"Learning about electromagnetic fields as undergraduates gives electrical engineering students a very big edge," says Levin. "Electromagnetic

fields are not physical things you can see—you can measure and describe them but you can never see them. Three-dimensional numerical analysis gives us the ability to look at truly realistic representations of the physical world around us, and we are among the first researchers to build computer programs capable of making closer, more precise observations. We are successful because people on this campus are concerned with the state-of-the-art research aspect and care very much about integrating these programs into the curriculum."

## How the west was lost

by Scott Runstrom  
Newspeak Staff

We have all seen it. A quiet little western town with perhaps twenty settlers in it. Four or five families doing their part to close the great frontier. The men are out quietly feeding the chickens when suddenly the sound of an arrow whistling through the air is heard. A voice cries out in pain as the missile reaches its target, and scores of beastly savages storm over the hill, arrows flying. The men are killed and scalped, the women are raped, and the horses and children stolen. Only John Wayne and the U.S. cavalry can save the day. This is the stereotype that Kevin Costner is fighting against with his new movie "Dances with Wolves." In presenting a realistic view of western life and Native American culture, Costner is reframing the old cliché of "how the west was won" into a new perspective, more properly called "How the west was lost."

The movie opens with Costner lying wounded in a civil war field hospital, surgeons about to amputate his leg. He slips out of the hospital, however, and in an apparent suicide attempt rushes the confederate lines. The rebel soldiers all miss, and the diversion allows Union forces to successfully overrun the enemy defenses. Costner is awarded by the general for outstanding bravery, and given choice of duty. He chooses to go west, to "see the frontier before it's gone."

Upon reaching his destination, Costner finds his post deserted. He elects to stay, however, and soon encounters Indians. The rest of the movie centers around the development of the relationship between Costner and his new found companions. Through this development, the true Indian culture is exposed. Costner soon leaves his outpost to become "Dances With Wolves," abandoning "civilization" for the life of the noble savage. Indian practices are contrasted with the brutality of the "pioneers," and any notion of Manifest Destiny is destroyed before your eyes. When U.S. troops do emerge at the end of the film, they come not as liberators or defenders of justice, but as the savages. Common criminals bent on destroying an entire culture in the name of progress.

Although over three hours long, "Dances with wolves" did not seem to drag for even a minute. The power of the story was matched only by the incredible backdrop of Western South Dakota. By taking the stereotypical western and essentially turning it inside out, Costner reminds us that we do not have God given right to this land, that we can not do with it as we please. We have satisfied our endless needs and justified our bloody deeds in the name of God and destiny for too long. As our air is polluted, and the last of our rainforests destroyed, we would do well to listen to the true culture of Native Americans.



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The Women's Chorale group and the Men's Glee Club took part in a Christmas show last week.

## Financial Aid applications are now available

Financial aid applications for the academic year 1991-92 will be available at the beginning of C-term. Current financial aid recipients in the classes of '92, '93 and '94 who have been enrolled since Term A '90 will receive financial aid packets in their mailboxes. If you do not receive an application and plan to apply for assistance, please obtain the necessary forms

at the Financial Aid Office in the lower level of Boynton.

Please take notice of subsequent articles in *Newspeak*, as well as the instructions contained in the application packets, describing the deadlines and process of applying for financial aid. For additional questions, contact the staff members of the Financial Aid Office.



## WORLD NEWS

**The Gulf Crisis**

Saddam Hussein made a surprise announcement on Thursday and said that all foreign hostages would be allowed to leave Iraq and Kuwait. However, in order for the hostages to leave, they all have to go through the bureaucratic process of applying for exit visas, and it could take weeks before they are all home. President Bush welcomed the news but said that he would not cut any secret deals with Iraq, which has left people to ponder what the purpose of the formal talks are that are upcoming in the next several weeks. The Iraqi foreign minister will travel to Washington, and Secretary of State Baker will travel to Baghdad. However, the US says that Iraq must fully withdraw from Kuwait before anything else, including the Occupied territory problem in Israel, is discussed.

The total cost of Operation Desert Shield is now running about \$25 billion a year, according to the Pentagon. In Congressional testimony, former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, who served under Lyndon Johnson during the Vietnam crisis, said that the United States should not go to war without prior public approval. On Wednesday, before Hussein announced that the hostages were released, Baker told a Senate Panel that he was pessimistic about the effects of United Nations sanctions, and said that a war would be won quickly. People are speculating if the sanctions had any impact on Saddam's decision to let the hostages go, but there are many other factors that could have played a role. Hussein may be trying to ease up the war cries in the States - with the hostages freed, there will probably be fewer demands for going to war. Hussein also stated that the Iraqi soldiers are in place within Kuwait, so foreign hostages are no longer needed to protect his interests.

**International News**

President Bush toured several South American nations. On the day before his visit to Argentina, there was a rebel uprising that was quickly put down by President Menem, but 13 people were killed. The rebels said that it was not a coup attempt, but they were trying to force the removal of the chief of armed forces. When Bush got to Argentina, he praised Menem for putting down the rebellion. Bush also visited Chile, and praised that country's peaceful transition from Military rule to Democracy. He also praised the free enterprise system that has been in place in Chile, which is considered a model

for other Latin American nations to follow. He also visited Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela.

In Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl was re-elected, in the first all German elections since 1932. German officials also issued an arrest warrant for Erik Honneker, the former hard lined ruler of East Germany, for murder. Officials claim that Honneker issued shoot to kill orders to guards in the watch towers in East Berlin. Honneker is in a Soviet hospital in Berlin, undergoing Cancer treatment.

South African Police moved into townships on Monday after 78 blacks were killed in factional fighting over the weekend. Over 500,000 blacks were under curfews.

Gorbachev announced that he would crack down on black marketing in the Soviet Union, and would import more food to feed the Soviet people this winter. On Friday, 36 trucks carried food from Berlin to Moscow. The food had been stockpiled in warehouses for the US army.

Pakistan's government insisted that its nuclear program was peaceful, and it would not bow to international demands in order to receive international aid. Pakistan had all of its aid from the US cut off in October.

**National News**

The Space Shuttle Columbia faced many problems in getting its Astro observatory to work correctly. Both the main computer and the backup computer broke down, so astronauts had to manually operate the telescope. In other space related news, a report is expected to be released on Monday by the White House space commission that calls for less reliance on the Space Shuttle, and instead have an alternative booster rocket. The Astro project was delayed six months because of recurring fuel leaks.

On Monday in Detroit, two Northwest Airlines planes collided in heavy fog on the runway, killing eight people.

Florida's governor Martinez, who was overwhelmingly defeated in the last election, was chosen as the next drug czar, and will succeed William Bennett. Bennett will replace Lee Atwater, who has had several health problems, as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The "Keating Five" continued their hearings in the Senate Ethics committee. The five senators allegedly took campaign contributions from S&L owner Charles Keating in exchange for trying to reduce the regulations that Keating's S&L would have to face. One Senior

Thrift official called Keating's Lincoln S&L "the worst institution in America."

Composer Aaron Copeland, 90, died last Sunday.

**Economic and Business News**

In Brussels, Belgium, there were talks on free trade, but the talks broke down due to farm subsidies. Some nations say that farm subsidies creates unfair competition.

AT&T is attempting to buy out NCR for \$6.13 billion, in a hostile takeover. That is equivalent to \$90 a share, although NCR wanted \$125. NCR's stock price did rise to \$92, above AT&T's offer.

Coke and Pepsi both announced that the 2 liter bottles produced in the future will be made from recyclable plastic. However, it remains to be seen whether or not there will be enough plastic bottles recycled to meet the demands.

The Federal Reserve lowered the amount of reserved Banks must keep, which will increase their profits. Bank stops were up sharply after the news.

Continental Airlines filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection. Under Chapter 11, a

corporation has up to one year to reorganize itself. Continental said that high debt and fuel prices forced them into Chapter 11.

**Sports News**

Monday night football was the meeting of the two best teams in the NFL - the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers. The 49ers won, 7-3, in a defensive struggle that forced over 15 punts between the two teams. In other games, the Vikings won their fifth straight, defeating the Green Bay Packers 23-7. The Vikings got off to a very slow start, going 1-6 in the first seven games. They are now 6-6 and back in the playoff picture. The Packers loss, coupled with the Bear's victory over the Lions, clinched the NFC Central for the Bears. The New England Patriots lost 37-7 to Kansas City, and are now 1-11, which puts them in an excellent position to secure the number one draft pick.

Compiled by George Regnery  
Newspeak Staff

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## Music Review

### Hindu Love Gods

by Troy Nielsen and Joe Parker

Troy: "Hindu Love Gods" (Reprise Records) is a very interesting combination of musicians. REM plus Warren Zevon comprises the band called "Hindu Love Gods." I really don't what possessed both parties to collaborate on a recording, but I'm glad they did. The music on this album, while not rough and raw, is an excellent representation of modern musicians seriously playing the roots of rock. It is of my opinion that technology has spoiled some of the gritty and exciting flavor of rock and roll. What I heard on *Caveat Empor* is very clean-sounding rock and roll that is meant to sound downright gritty and nasty.

I was shocked at the selection of songs the band chose to record. They are plenty of blues and rockabilly to please everyone from the college crowd to the yuppie nostalgia crowd. But who cares if the latter gets to hear what they want.

Warren Zevon is a fairly strong and authentic blues singer. He's got a fair amount of soul and frequently employs some of the blues singers trademarks of falsetto swoops and moans.

As far as I'm concerned, REM should have changed their sound a little to maintain authenticity of the covers. For example, the easy going rock/pop beat utilized on "Walkin' Blues" was out of place to a listener who is familiar with the traditional blues idiom. On the other hand,

maybe REM was trying to make more of a statement by maintaining their twangy rock/pop sound over blues and rockabilly songs.

It's fairly hard to make a solid statement about the album. The band popped into the studio, cut the tracks they wanted to, and left. I give the album a 68 out of 100.

Joe: I agree about saying something solid about the album, it is kinda hard to describe. Just for clarification, Michael Stipe is not part of the Hindu Love Gods, just the rest of REM. I think this is a good move, because Stipe's voice just would not be suited for this kind of record.

It struck me that Zevon's voice is very reminiscent of David Bowie's. Also, when I was first handed the tape, I had no idea what to expect. I knew the usual REM sound, but I had heard nothing of Zevon except for his "Werewolves of London". Let me set the record straight: this is nothing like any REM record you've ever heard. Without knowing the lineup, you would never know that REM has anything to do with it. I think Peter Buck has a pretty good mastery of the blues sound when it comes to guitar, and I like the change.

I was impressed with the album overall, and it was easy to listen to. I even liked the cover they did of Prince's "Raspberry Beret" (I can't stand the original, or Prince for that matter) and "Walkin' Blues" was cool, too. In fact, I liked the whole thing. I would recommend this album. 88 out of 100.

## Merry Christmas Happy New Year!

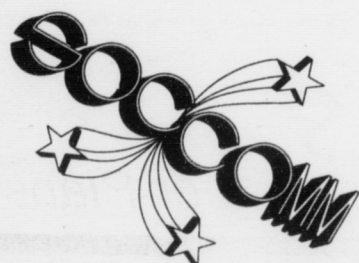
Have a safe and fun holiday season !

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# ATTENTION ALL WPI BANDS!

## The Battle of the Bands is coming January 26<sup>th</sup>.

To enter, pick up an application in the Student Activities Office.



Applications due by December 14th.



## LETTERS / COMMENTARY

# Don't have a Cow, Man!

To the Editor:

Hooray! It finally happened! I have officially offended someone. It took years of patience and hard work, endlessly practicing on former friends, strangers on the street, and pets of various constitutional capacities. But it finally happened! Now I can hold my head high and proudly declare:

"Hello Mister Hollywood/TV/Record Producer. I want to be a Professional Funny Person!"

And he'll say, chewing on his foul cigar:

"Well kid. Can ya cuss?"

"Like a pimp with an artistic streak, sir!"

"Hmmm." Puff puff as he strokes his porcelain rabbit, Flopsy, "Have ya got the props?" "Whoopie cushion, dribble glass, 'Abysmally Gross Jokes IV, fake dog turds, and, of course, very fast running shoes."

"Ahh." He'll drum his enormous fingers on his fake Naugahyde desktop and briefly contemplate which chin to scratch. "Are ya offensive?"

"I like to think so, sir."

"Sooo." Scratch, scratch (it was the fourth one.) He'll stare moodily out the window and belch discreetly - he must've drunk that pre-breakfast martini too fast. Then he'll fix me with his cold, piggy gaze, and utter the words that cause total and utter panic in the hearts of aspiring Funny Persons; "But, are ya officially offensive!?" And I'll calmly smile and retort: "Of course. Right here in this extremely prestigious newspaper (four time winner of the Rupert Murdoch Award for Journalistic Excellence and Keen Pictures). It says I'm offensive to women, homosexuals, the English, and Germans."

"Not bad, not bad at all." He'll smile and watch his phlox with the sweat of syndicated

comics. "You sound like a winner, kid. Big. Real big. Maybe bigger than Gomer Pyle, even."

This rosy daydream of victories to come satisfied me for some time. But then I suddenly realized that I could not for the life of me remember what I could have said to offend someone enough to write me a nasty letter. I was all prepared to issue a self righteous Official Statement dripping with sarcasm, irony, clever arguments with airtight logic, and probably a lame joke or six. But, as you can see, I managed to start off strong in the lame joke parts, but failed miserably in adding the other stuff. And anyway, I've just received some Manna from Heaven (or Jell-o from America, depending on how you look at it), and am feeling a bit more mellow so I'll just zap straight to the main points contained in the appropriately titled "Offended by article's comments (13 November 1990)." (I myself would have entitled it "Aliens turn Vice-President into Potted Fern - No one notices for two weeks!", it would have sold more papers.) The two main points, as I see them, are as follows:

1. The sentiments expressed in my article "The Pool" were offensive.

2. The writer places a high value on our American privilege of Freedom of Speech, but I still shouldn't oughta said what I did.

The first one is fairly easy to dispose of - the sentiments expressed in the article were probably not mine. The whole point of my column is to make you laugh, or at least chuckle a little (or to get my name in print as much as is humanly possible, I'm not completely sure.) So what I tend to do is to take a perfectly ordinary subject (like Pez, the Zoo, or Aliens Zapping People) and twist it around until it's ludicrous. Or I take something totally bizarre (like sexism, racism, or Ed McMahon) and

treat it so seriously that it's silly. This is known as "humor," and I don't expect anyone to take it seriously. Lord knows I don't.

The second point is not so easily dismissed (warning: little or no humor in this bit. Better skip ahead to the next paragraph). First off, freedom of speech is not a "privilege." it is a right that belongs to everyone regardless of nationality, political views, level of maturity, or mental equilibrium. Secondly, believing in freedom of speech is hypocrisy if it doesn't include people that make you want to vomit. Third, there is a "Freedom Not to Listen," alternately called "Responsibility of the Viewer." Fourth, and last (I promise), it seems to me that mentioning something like freedom of speech in connection with my column is somewhat like bringing up morality in a discussion of foreign policy - a bit irrelevant, and

just a little silly.

I guess what I'm basically trying to say here is: "Don't have a cow, man," "Don't worry, be happy," "Have a nice day," and, perhaps most importantly, "Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk."

Oh, yeah. One more thing and I'll let you get back to the televised Yo-Yo World Championship. Remember folks, I'm in Europe this year, they don't sell **Newspeak** in just every corner store. I only got that copy of it through an Act of God. So if you have a beef with me, try slapping a 45 cent airmail stamp on it and sending it to the address below. Go ahead, give it a try. Don't be shy - your mother wasn't.

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## Movie was not what it seemed

To the Editor:

I would like to direct attention to "Unforgotten Prisoners: The Amnesty Files," a movie shown three times on television on Monday, 19 November.

Amnesty International (AI) a very respectable and active society has a policy to give its non-violent, time-tested message for eliminating torture. In contrast to this, exaggeration is the main issue in the movie because AI is depending on prisoners' and their families' letters and a few police officers. Especially the Mafia structure of the Turkish Police (i.e. the non-obedient policemen are killed) is untrue. If the officer does not want to practice the command, he will be shifted to another department. Moreover, nobody (including the ministers and judges) spoke in Turkish, their native

tongue, except for prisoner Aziz's wife (which was almost incomprehensible.) All these degraded the credibility of the movie.

Unfortunately, Turkey did not accomplish a good result in protecting the rights of her own citizens against her own police force right after the coup in 1980. Although it seemed brutal; with the strict control in the country (not only the prisoners, but also all the citizens suffered) all the terrorist actions were stopped. As a result of this, the democratic and economic dynamism recuperated swiftly.

This movie is far from being an innocent human-rights advocacy but rather resembles a systematic propaganda against Turkey by very well-known groups.

Ugur Baysal,  
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## Sounding Off From Stoddard

### I Need a Fix

by Matt Meyer  
Newspeak Staff

Everyone has their own addictions. For some people it's chocolate, or alcohol, or speed, or cocaine, or lime jello and Great Danes (I'm sorry, that's really more of a fetish). Personally, I suffer from caffeine addiction which is quite a common addiction, especially on this campus.

Some people like caffeine for the spastic amounts of energy and the way it makes their hands shake uncontrollably but my problem stems from the fact that WPI is a high stress institution, where the students have more work than they have time. I may drag myself to class in sweatpants and a t-shirt without having eaten, showered, or shaved but at least those two Vivarin keep me awake. I know I'm not alone out there so it's time the school gave we, the addicts, some support. I've made attempts at having the day officially lengthened by four or six hours but for some reason the administration is convinced that we couldn't possibly slow down the rotation of the Earth enough to make a difference. Since this option has been shelved I think the school should make an effort to see that Coke machines stay full. It's the end of the term and you have 3 tests, 3 projects, 2 labs and a quiz left to do in only one week so it's apparent you will need all the caffeine you can get because you won't be sleeping much. For some reason this is just too difficult for them to do in conjunction with Coca-Cola as is evident in the following example I am about to cite.

Just the other night I was at work, where I'm a lab monitor, studying stress analysis. (This is a really cool class. By the time the term is over you're completely capable of calculating the internal normal and shearing stresses action on the walls of your skull, providing you assume it's a thin-walled pressure vessel. Come to think of it, a Coke can could probably be considered a thin-walled pressure vessel too.) When I began feeling the influence of sleep ebbing its way into my subconsciousness. Initially this kind of thought has a nice soothing sleepy voice that just drones on until it convinces your body to shut down, but if you're able to ignore it long enough it metamorphosizes into a bitchy, Roseanne Barr suffering PMS type of nauseating whine. I needed a good grade on this quiz (of course who doesn't) which meant I had at least another hour or two of studying before I even looked at my dynamics homework, so I decided I had better get a Coke for that caffeine injection of utmost importance. Generally getting a can of Coke is no big obstacle but not so on this night.

I left the lab in the capable hands of my associates and trotted down the hall to grab a can of Coke, but when I got to the machine it was completely empty. No soda at all. Zero. Zip. Zilch. "Gosh darn it all!" I cried (Well, actually what I really said wasn't printable so I pre-edited so Gary wouldn't have to.) and proceeded to walk over to Kaven Hall to look for some soda. Alas, their machine was all but empty. All that was left as caffeine-free Coke. Of course no one had bought that. What good is soda without caffeine? I mean, really, a beverage is not a beverage unless it contains caffeine, vitamin C, calcium, or alcohol. In other words, water is not a beverage. Whoever thought of caffeine-free soda is a butthead. What good is it? I want my caffeine (and my MTV too)! (Actually, lately MTV has really sucked.) I had now been gone from the lab for about three minutes and God only knows what could have been printing up on the laser printers. Now, I figure I might as well check Atwater Kent while I was at it so I jogged up the steps outside of Fuller Labs, all 342, and ran in to see.

Breathing a little heavy, I arrived just in time to see someone walk off with the last Coke. Just great, huh? Actually it was diet Coke and I hate diet soda, but the machine was entirely empty and I wasn't happy. I still wonder what that tour group was thinking as I stood there kicking the machine and bitching at every employee of Coca-Cola from the CEO to Joe who loads the trucks. By the time I had finished my riot act I'd been gone from work for about 10 minutes and I decided to make one last desperate check in Salisbury Labs.

With a quick sprint I was at the west side doors of Salisbury but they were locked. Here I am, dying for a Coke, there's a class going on inside of Salisbury (I could swear they all had cans of Coke with them), I'm getting pissed, and the doors are locked. So I went to the south side main entrance but those doors were locked too. Here I am, thinking "There has to be an open door" when I noticed a group of people in the lobby who were all pointing and laughing at me. "What? What is so funny?" I squawked desperately but they just ignored me and began drinking Coke out of those huge three liter bottles. I licked my lips in anticipation and dashed to the east side to frantically search for the open door.

I tried them all to no avail and it was then in my maddened state that I realized it must be some more powerful force working against me. "Ah-hah. A challenge." I thought. This would make a great Army Reserve commercial. A bunch of GI Joes rappelling from the top of Salisbury shouting "Be all you can be" in their attempt to regain military control over the

Coke machine.

I ran back to the south side and began pounding on the windows and motioning to those people to open the door for me but they just sat there drinking their Cokes and flipping me off. Exasperated, I just stood there staring blankly into the glass as tears welled up in my eyes when I heard the sound of squeaking metal behind me. At first I froze, but I then slowly turned around with one hand on my crotch (it wasn't that I was protecting myself or anything, it's just that Madonna is my idol) expecting to see Freddy Krueger glaring at me and preparing to turn me into Shish-kebabs. Instead, there was nothing there except the sundial which was slowly turning on its own. To think I had always thought they were useless at night but this one was moving and finally came to rest pointing at the door in the corner I had forgotten about. With this sudden revelation I ran to the door and pulled it open. Unfortunately I pulled it open right into my face, breaking my nose (well, not really, but it was quite bloody). Undaunted I picked myself up and ran in to the cheers and hoots of those watching. I turned the final corner and there it was in all its glory. The Coke machine in its shroud of bright red and white light standing proudly upon its altar beckoning me. Finally all this frustration had turned into a religious experience for me and I stood in awe before

Abba, the father caffeine. I was breathing very hard and drooling on myself in anticipation of the intoxicating caffeine. The blood dripped from my nose on to the change return and it was then to my dismay that I realized it was empty. Amid the glow of the display were those little orange lights beaming forth in sadistic glee. That was it. I lost it right there. I beat the machine, kicked the machine, hugged the machine and even tried to philosophize it. I told it there was no way it could actually be empty. It only thought it was. It should have been filled every two days to assure that it wouldn't be empty. There should be some type of alarm on the machine. "In the event of an emergency break the glass..." How could they let it get empty. People need their caffeine. It just wouldn't listen. In sheer disgust I leaned forward and pressed my face against the plastic and sighed. Slowly my feet and face began to slide out from under me in their respective pools of blood and saliva and soon came to rest on the floor. There I was a huddled, bloody mass of shivering flesh, mumbling uncomprehendingly about something, or nothing. As time passed I went into withdrawal symptoms and eventually passed out.

To all those who missed my column in its absence last week, I'm sorry but I had to catch up on my sleep. To all of those who didn't get a clue and beg for repentance. Remember my box number is 1589.

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COMMENTARY

# The Wilderness Writer

## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

by Athena Demetry  
Newspeak Staff

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
when all cross the countries,  
Not a creature was stirring,  
not even the monkeys.  
The saws, they had felled  
nearly every big tree;  
No more meadows, no flowers,  
and nary a bee.  
The fields were all paved  
with streets convoluted  
The water was toxic,  
the air - so polluted!  
I'd just settled down  
by the window to ponder  
The state of the world,  
the problems out yonder,  
When what to my wandering eyes

should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh  
and eight tiny reindeer.  
With a little old driver,  
so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment  
it must be St. Nick.  
His mission this night  
was changed from before;  
The lost birds, the lost plants,  
the lost fish, he'd restore.  
A gift to the world,  
this year he would bring,  
So that we'd enjoy,  
with his love, a new spring.  
He nuzzled his reindeer,  
his breath merged with theirs,  
And trudged to his sleigh,  
counting the pairs:  
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!

now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid!  
on, Donner and Blitzen!  
We'll bring back the panther!  
we'll bring back the whale!  
We'll bring back the eagle,  
the owl, and the quail!"  
With the stars all about him,  
the snow on his mitts,  
He rose through the sky  
with his bag full of tricks.  
Close by the North Pole,  
in Prince William Sound,  
With no help from Exxon,  
he cleaned oil off the ground.  
He set birds into air,  
returned fish to the sea,  
He cleaned up the slick  
from the rock and the tree.  
Across the Great Plains,

he placed solar cells,  
No longer must humans  
pump oil from wells.  
The troops in the Gulf  
would not need to fight  
For a substance more costly  
than capturing light.  
In coal towns so smoggy,  
he installed tech-no-logy  
So the vile acid rain  
that made forests so soggy  
Would be cleansed from the air  
at the source of its grit;  
No more would the air  
in our lungs smell like \*\*\*\*.  
Down south to Brazil,  
then west to Guam University  
He brought back the rainforest  
and all its diversity.  
The people grew food  
for their very own mouths,  
Not drugs for the gringos  
or corn for the cows.  
The wastes that were stashed  
underground with no thought  
Were disposed of correctly,  
proper treatment was sought.  
The landfills, incinerators,  
trash dumped in the sea,  
Were needed no more,  
recycling's the key.  
He patched up the ozone  
and cooled off the earth,  
And halted the practice  
of giving much birth.  
To the overgrown cities,  
supplied mass transportation,  
Stood back from his work,  
and last, with elation -  
To the Whoopie Tech Wedge,  
he delivered a bin  
For all of the students  
to drop paper in.  
He went to the Snack Bar

and removed all the foam;  
The grass on the path  
'cross the Quad was re-sown.  
He flew high to the stars,  
then looked down below;  
He saw quiet and green,  
spots covered with snow.  
The land had such beauty,  
to behold it - a joy!  
This vital new life,  
all restored, St. Nick's toy:  
"My gift to the World,  
my gift to the Earth  
Is to reclaim the Planet  
and give it rebirth.  
I place you within it  
on this glorious night,  
With hopes that you'll  
please keep it healthy - alright?"  
He sprang to his sleigh,  
to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew  
like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard his exclaim,  
ere he drove out of sight,  
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,  
AND TO ALL A GOOD  
NIGHT!"

(with apologies to Clement C. Moore)

**Contest Update:** One quite excellent entry has been received thus far for the "Wilderness Writer Contest." I know all you other closet nature lovers have your entries all written but are just polishing them up! Write about your outdoor experiences and submit your entry to Box 841, before Christmas, and you could win a prize and hold the incredible honor of being published in a *Newspeak* "Wilderness Writer" column!

# Postcards from the IDge

## Intolerance Times Diversity Equals a Constant

by The Lowercase Lizard

"I hate wedgerats!" "Man, that girl is such a [rhymes-with-witch], who does she think she is?" "Damn Frats..cause of all trouble on this campus!" "I mean, they're in America, so why don't they speak English?" "How come I had to work for my education, but that big dumb jock gets an 'athletic scholarship'?" "I hope I find some faggots tonight so I can kill them"

All of the above guaranteed overheard or read on bathroom walls right here at our own "diverse community" of WPI.

What is it that causes one person to feel anger, hatred or dislike towards another? If I knew that, I'd trade in my diploma for a Nobel Prize. What frosts my eyebrows is that usually, it's for (admittedly, this is just my humble opinion) no good reason. What I'm talking about is intolerance; religious, social, racial, gender, national, interpersonal, academic, romantic, sexual; all forms.

I'm talking about both institutionalized intolerance, like the kind that made the Pilgrims sail for the new world, the kind that erased six million Jews and many other minorities during the Holocaust, and the kind that makes Jerry Falwell and company think they can spread ignorance and hate packaged as the word of God; as well as the intolerance we encounter on a daily basis, between boyfriend and girlfriend, student and professor, and between strangers—all the "little murders" that lead to bigger deaths just as easily.

Now, I'm no sociologist, and I'm not out to change the world (well, ok you got me there;) these are just my

observations so please direct all flames to /dev/null (if you don't understand that last one, ask a CS.) The way I see it, if any Tom, Dick or Roger can hang his opinions out to dry in the local fish wrapper, what's stopping me?

Actually, it's not as simple (and not nearly as funny) as that. As a member of a few minorities and as a human being, I have been a victim of, and a witness to many acts of intolerance since coming to WPI. What prompted me to write now is the alarming increase in the frequency of such events of late.

For a lot of people, acts of intolerance are just a kneejerk reaction; when questioned about it, most people will shrug and say "I dunno why I don't like [insert favorite maligned minority here], I just don't." What you must realize is that answers like this are usually not characteristic of an aversion to thinking which, admittedly, we are all conditioned to exhibit at one time or another. Most people genuinely don't know why they feel the way they do about such things.

Those who do show enough thought to try to justify their prejudices, often fall back on non-facts, misinformation, or stereotyping to give support to their intolerances. I take as my example: "Homos gave us AIDS." Now, if you've read any serious literature, you will know that AIDS is NOT just a homosexual disease anymore (if, indeed it ever was) it affects all of us. But, it is much easier to find a scapegoat in a group of people who are already hated by most of the population anyway than to try and see the facts.

Another example, "I hate wedger-

ats." Now, to my mind, to really genuinely HATE something, you must know it so completely that you can say for sure that there are no redeeming qualities. Have these people who "hate wedgerats" ever tried to talk with one? Have they ever gotten to know them as people? Hating is such an expensive option, don't you want to make sure you have nothing to lose by doing so? Granted, I haven't chatted with any wedgerats either, but I don't go writing "I hate wedgerats" on bathroom walls. (The wedgerat and homosexual examples were just that, examples, please read no further into them than that.)

If you can do that, know another entity so intimately and completely that you feel you can make the decision to hate, by all means go ahead. I really doubt that you can, though. But if you can, what a hollow achievement that would be.

Upon re-reading this column, I fear I may have come across as preachy or holier-than-thou. That was not my intention, as I am just as guilty of intolerance as any of us. It would be hypocritical of me to try and say otherwise. But, I try to be aware of it and work to improve that part of me that finds it easier to hate than understand. After all, it was said that, "We hate what we fear, and we fear what we don't understand." Try to appreciate those different from you; be they black, Jewish, fraternity boy, gay, handicapped, foreign; for their diversity and richness instead of condemning them for not being like you.

Well, that's it for this week. Hopefully, there will be more to say after break. Shalom, Shantih, Pax, ...or kill me.

# Welcome to Oz...

## er, um, WPI

by Ray Bert  
Newspeak Staff

The bricks. You probably first heard about them over Thanksgiving break, when all parents were sent a pamphlet regarding the Alumni Association's proposed Centennial Walkway on the Quad. First, the facts:

You may purchase a brick for \$45 (\$55 after March 31st), on which will be engraved your name and class year. Each class will have its own section on the walkway, and space is expected to be limited. Complete details are available through the Alumni Office.

Now, to the important issue - is this really necessary? All right, I'm sure a lot of money will be raised for the school and I don't want to debate the solicitation of soon-to-be alumni for donations to WPI. We'll leave that to all the pissed off seniors in D Term.

No, what I'm talking about are these personalized things being embedded in the Quad based only on a willingness to fork over forty-five bucks. Seems kind of narcissistic, doesn't it? Picture twenty years from now:

"Look, son, there's my brick."  
"Gee, dad, were you top in your class, or a team captain, or a class officer?"

"No, son, I wrote a check." - silly. Granted, brick pathways on the quad would look pretty classy. But with people's names up and down the length? Great, you can try to find people you know, but in five years when it's full, what are the students

then going to care about who all these people are? Also, if response is as high as many people (including myself) think it will be, will it be continued annually? Hmmmm... do we really need any grass on the Quad?

What bugged me the most, though, was the rah-rah rhetoric contained in that mailing. It reads like a Home Shopping Club advertisement: "A walkway paved with lasting tributes to you and other WPI alumni... You can provide inspiration for future generations of WPI students." Inspiration? Overheard on the Quad in ten years:

"Wow! When I get out of school, I'll have money to throw away like that, too!"

Or else:  
"I'm not doing too well right now, but damn, John P. Doe '56 made it out of here. You know what, I'm gonna work twice as hard now. I'm *Inspired!*" - Please!

And my favorite line "1991 will be paved with dreams and hopes and a permanent testimony to your dedication to WPI." Dreams and hopes?? You're plunking down \$45 to put your name on a brick - not feeding the world. It makes us sound like a bunch of Dorothys skipping down the Yellow Brick Road.

If you really want to donate to the school, make a direct donation to the Alumni Association, it's less self-serving. If not, then knock on your brick three times, and say "There's no place like WPI... There's no place like WPI..."

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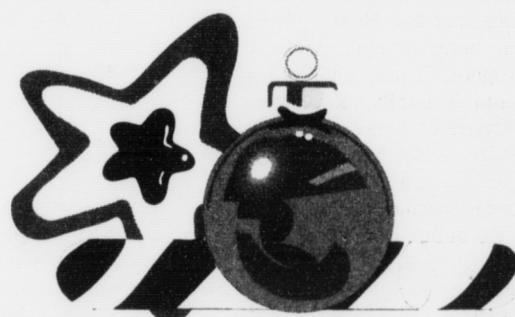
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## CLUB CORNER

## Alpha Phi Omega

Al dropped a loaf!  
 There's a dead man lying on the bathroom floor next to the toilet. What happened?  
 Oh Rookie!  
 So I am a loser - so sue me! Sue who?  
 Fail any classes yet, Al?  
 Unstoppable... APO Hoops!  
 Call Rob for a boring time.  
 Kevin, will you spank me?  
 Yes dear, of course.  
 On my goodness...  
 Utterly disgusting, I say, now cut it out!!  
 Aline, Shep, Mike and Rob - no presents for them this year.  
 Fa la la la la la Al!  
 Hey! I'm Sue!  
 I second that motion!  
 John Buhl - not for treasurer.  
 Suck a load.  
 Hey all you guys who signed up for ice skating... where were you? You missed a great time - Chris Ematrudo learned how to skate and only got one little injury! Yeah Chris! Ed was great too! The slugs are still in search of victory #1, maybe some fans would help.

## Fencing Club

Wow, new record, 3 weeks in a row!  
 The meet at MIT was an, umm, uh, well, definitely an experience. After a long day of fencing and running around trying to get scores, here it all is. As a team, we went 8-19 Brandeis, 11-16 MIT, 1-26 UNC, 10-17 Tufts, 4-23 Brown, and 4-23 Air Force Academy. Our epeeist beat Tufts', and our foilist beat MIT's. Epee had a record of 17-37, foil 13-41, sabre 8-46. OK, we're not outstanding, but we're definitely improving. Personally, Tom

8-10, Jose 8-10, Bruce 4-14, Archie 4-14, Gary 4-11, Mark 3-12, Rick 3-6, Brian 2-4 (thanks for filling in for foil 0-6), Emmerson 1-17, Kevin 1-5, Enriquez 0-9, Joachim 0-6.

Congrats to Tom for his one win against UNC (dude, it's nothing to cry about). We should try doing the wave more often.

On the 9th, Kevin, Jose and I went out to the BFC to hone up on our directing skills. In Kevin's case to learn them. Some other ruffians (no, I'm a hooligan) went back to MIT for a sabre competition. Tom, that's a saber, you can use it to cut, too.

Reminder: Come to practice today to sign out equipment. Come promptly at 4:30 so that everything will move quickly. Congratulations to all freshmen for surviving your first college semester, and to upperclassmen - use the holidays to catch up on all that sleep you missed. Happy holidays, and see you in the new year.

Attack arrives, touche right - Bruce.

## IEEE

Today, December 11, in Atwater Kent the WPI chapter of IEEE hosts in its continuing brown bag lunch series a presentation on "Switched Capacitor Devices" by Professor Bahar.

The presentation will take place in AK 232 from 12-1PM. Pizza and soda may be purchased at the lecture.

By the way, anyone interested in becoming a member of IEEE should contact Jay McGaffigan (WPI box 639; EE box 320).

## Science Fiction Society

Hey everyone. Did everyone enjoy the BURGER KING? I'm sure Rob did. Espe-

cially the BK Triple we showed. Well, how. Who, not?

Polyfaranical. If you haven't realized it yet, I'm listening to Floyd. This should be the last article this term, so I'll bid everyone happy holidays, or not, depending on your beliefs.

Next term should be very interesting. I do remember that we are supposed to be doing something in the first week of C-term. Oh well, I guess we'll find out.

## Tau Beta Pi

Tau Beta Pi held its fall induction ceremony last Thursday, December 6th. Forty new members were accepted into the Mass. Alpha Chapter, and visions of spring initiates are already dancing in our heads.

Induction night was a great success. After the induction ceremony, the new initiates adjourned to Gompel's for a reception/mixer with friends and family for an opportunity to relax and be embarrassed by parents with photographic equipment. Next was the banquet and the Marriott and a chance to celebrate

with a meal that was truly amazing. After the meal, buoyed by several trips to the bar, our chapter president Scott Plichta gave his address, stirring memories of JFK and Lincoln with his captivating monologue. The Tau Beta Pi outstanding sophomore award was then presented to Ajay Khanna for his academic success, extracurricular activism, and outstanding character.

Dr. James Groccia, Director of the Counseling and Student Development Center, followed with an interesting address on altruism and values, urging the new members to take advantage of their abilities and situation to better our and the world's society.

Three initiates were unable to attend the ceremony, but Lisa Cocco, Scott Odierno, and Karl Goff will all be eligible to be inducted in the spring.

Speaking of the spring, our schedule for C-Term is full of wondrous activities, so everyone rest over break and prepare to get involved in January. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone, and congratulations to Ajay Khanna and all the new members.

## Gordon Library announces winter exhibits

Continuing through December 16th the Gordon Library presents an exhibit entitled, "WPI: the Campus, the Shops, and the Students."

From 17 December to 31 January, The library will present, "Photographs of Alaska by Jack Swedberg," Alaska's wildlife and scenery photographed by Massachusetts naturalist Jack Swedberg. Swedberg's photography has appeared in Audubon, National Wildlife, Country Journal, Yankee, Field and Stream, and many more. His films have appeared in several Nature Conservancy movies and were

highlighted on the PBS Nova program entitled "Still Waters." Swedberg is probably most famous for his Quabbin Bald Eagle Translocation Project in which he reintroduced a breeding population of eagles to the Quabbin Reservoir. Hours for December can be obtained by calling the Gordon Library at 831-5410. Hours for January are as follows:

7-31 January	Monday - Friday: 8am - 11pm
	Saturday: 8am - 9pm
	Sunday: 12n - 11pm

## COMMENTARY

## Observations from the Asylum

### The End of Another Year

by Alton Reich  
 Newspeak Staff

First of all I have to apologize for missing last week's paper. It is the first time in two and a half years that I have simply missed an issue. Usually I write at lunch time on Friday, and turn my column in late in the afternoon. Last Thursday my IQP partner and I found out that our advisor wanted a final draft this week, and so we had to go into somewhat of a frenzy to finish it. Needless to say, the column didn't get done.

Well, this column got done, and it is about the approaching end of year. This has been a very interesting year for me to say the least. I married Beth in June, decided to graduate in 3 years in July, and Beth had Miranda on November 6. I was censured for the first time in

3 years by the Newspeak editors for a column that wasn't a tenth as inflammatory as some I wrote my freshman year. It is amazing how much influence a small group of prudish imbeciles can have over the press. By the way, if there is enough interest in finding out what the "banned" column had to say, I'll distribute copies to interested parties. This year I finished my Suff and IQP, and have one more WPI milestone to conquer.

It has been an odd year in the world. There is now one Germany (soon to be renamed the

United German Empire of Central Europe). The Cold War is officially over after 40 years. President Bush has done a credible job in handling the Iraq crisis. The Chinese didn't veto the UN move to kick Iraq out of Kuwait (could it be that China is trying to improve its image in the world?). The Soviet Union is rapidly becoming less and less of a union.

I hate to cut this short, but there is a piece of Beth's wonderful cheesecake waiting for me, and some things in life are important. Have a

good break, and I'll see you next year.

*Editor's Note: The column to which Mr. Reich refers was not "inflammatory," it was both uninteresting and inappropriate. A commentary column is not the place for detailed descriptions of his wife's labor, including hourly dilation updates. Therefore, this group of "prudish imbeciles" voted 9-0 to not include his detailed narrative of something that was clearly not commentary.*

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# GREEK CORNER

## Alpha Gamma Delta

Well, it's Friday afternoon and as I sit down to write this column my fellow sisters and pledges are being kidnapped one by one. You know... Sig Ep should really learn how to take a joke. Our adorable, innocent little pledges were just trying to make you smile!!

Hopefully everyone had a great time last Saturday night at our annual Christmas Formal. I also hope that you've all recuperated by now so you can study, study, study for your finals. I want to thank (wear your pin) super-pledge Yee-Fung (wear your pin) for her generosity (wear your pin) in providing her beloved sisters (wear your pin) and their dates with (wear your pin) refreshments before the formal. (WEAR YOUR PIN!!) Just a little subliminal reminder Yee!

A big thank you to Lynn D. for organizing the secret Santa program. You really got us in the Christmas spirit! CONGRATULATIONS to Li and Andrew!! We are very happy for you! Oh... one more thank you—to Theta Chi. Our once beautiful Christmas tree now looks very, very pitiful. Thanks a lot.

Well, good luck this week! Have a great break, a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! And don't forget, while we're gone, Mo and I will turn 21 so look out everyone!!

## Alpha Gamma Delta Pledge Column

AGD's pledges are thrilled to be included in Greek corner. First, we'd like to say we love our future sisters and are enjoying getting to know them better. Thanks a lot for making yourselves so available and at such fun events. Christmas wreath making and carolling, along

with the hay ride were the perfect functions for getting us into the Christmas mood. Gig books are going great thanks to the auction and secret Santa party. My, what interesting stories we've been hearing! Thanks to SAE for the Happy Hour with faculty. It was great to know you guys and the faculty better. Expect to see us at SAE more often. Oh no! You guys didn't expect to get yourselves into that kind of trouble, did you? Sphincta, don't think we are going to let Becca down. So watch out! As a final note: raids are going at a whirlwind pace, but as to who's next — no one knows — Not even Hollybeth!

## Alpha Tau Omega

First off, congratulation to Andrew Leone on his recent pinning to Lisa Chabot. Well, its that time of the year again to enjoy the Christmas Holiday, relax over vacation, and see our first annual Top Ten List. Today's top ten list is:

10. In Worcester you can find Jack Frost nipping not just at your nose, but at every other protruding part of your body.

9. Worcester is the only city in America where Frosty carries a switchblade instead of a broomstick.

8. Last year Santa was arrested for driving under the influence in an old 1978 Cadillac with eight underaged reindeer.

7. Worcester is the only city where Santa's elves are actually patients of the Worcester Mental Hospital out on good behavior.

6. It's the only city where you can see Santa selling stereo speakers out of the back of a blue van.

5. Worcester is the only city where families

actually chain their Christmas trees to the fireplace.

4. Worcester is the only city in America where someone would steal a Christmas tree from a church.

3. In Worcester, the rich don't give to the poor, the poor give to the subhuman.

2. Santa says, "If you think it's bad down there, you should see what it looks like from up here."

1. And the number one reason why Worcester is the best city in which to celebrate Christmas is:

In Worcester, the Grinch doesn't steal Christmas, your next door neighbor does.

## Phi Sigma Sigma

Holiday Greetings, Sisters of Mercy! Tomorrow be sure to give an extra-special birthday hello to the illustrious Miss Donna! Everyone will be gathering in the wedge at exactly noon to sing praises to our favorite gal.

Great singing last week, pledges! Next time try to learn at least one more song! The Secret Santa Party was a blast! A good time was had by everyone who wen to the Bio Christmas Party beforehand!

Congratulations to Danielle for freeing herself of the Constitution changes! Now you can just sit back and relax. Don't chill out too much... there are tons of exciting things to look forward to in C-Term, most of all Donna's retreat and the Rock-a-Thon.

In the personals this week, we have special hellos to Theresa, Lisa D., Mel M., Johanna, and Senya. With only three days until the end of the term, get psyched for the vacation but don't start too early. Study hard, and try to remain stress-free. Have a great Christmas! LITP.

## Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Greetings from 6 Humboldt. When do you suppose BV is coming back for another party? We should have used Chuckles' keg at that party. Thanks to Phi Sig Sig for carolling and special thanks to their two pledges who ended up tied together with the phone line. (Christy + Christy = S+M) Maybe next time our pledges will know the rules on kidnapping sorority pledges. Two congratulations: Dog on having Heidi come back from Italy and Levere on having Susan return to haunt him. (Applause!) Sully's last words: "Nobody can bowl me!" NOT! Just don't ask for his signature for a while. Sully lost last week, was lame this week, what's in store for the coming week, zipperhead or bove. Wilderness man of the week: Ray Grizzly Vincent. Thanks for the grinch keg. Don't forget Mr. Heatmiser & Mr. Freezemiser on 12/18.

The Faculty Holiday Reception with AGD went well. Plaeges did an excellent job with the Friendly House & the Pearl Harbor Party. Not a bad raid, but last year's tree was better, Spag's is cheap. Now, don't you hate 8:30 Saturday workparties. We want Rob Raftery for IFC Prez. Gene + Jackie => Gene + Kerry. JM we want to see you as an EE. Guilio the dog that sleeps 25 hours a day has gotta go. X-Mas carolling tonight, so Becker get ready! Fly Alf.

## Theta Chi

The Brotherhood of Theta Chi Fraternity wishes everyone a very festive holiday season.

The Brothers have recently enjoyed a new type of Christmas festivities complements of our pledge class. Good work guys on improving interfraternity-sorority relationships and thanks to the pledges of Phi Sig Sig for breakfast Friday morning.

Brothers, I hope everyone put their dates aside on Saturday night to watch Tyson stomp on another human being. Pre-fight matches included Julio Shavez and 'Iacoca the Rat' managed by Barry vs. 'Your Motha the Parvana,' managed by Tatum. The referee for the fight has already been eaten. Checks made payable to Idiots Inc. will insure that Skippy will no longer hang out in your room and that Sparages will not beat you up. Nevins for fire Marshall. Next time take the whole toilet, I heard porcelain burns with a pretty blue flame. JJ is a BB.

Finally Brothers, remember the retreat long into break by hanging out this weekend. It is not often enough that all of us have no work and plenty of time to just hang out. Kav, you're an exception.

Those responsible for relocating the Warm Dorm a few weeks ago, we know where you live, and who you love.

## Zeta Psi

Greetings from the Crack of Dawn (maybe someone should tell her to pull up her pants.) Then again, maybe she looks better without 'em. Well, it's been another sluggish week at Zete. We had to tie up Taz for trying to eat Pledge Duck (luckily Hurlin' Ostrich pushed him out of the way). First of all, let's review a little bit of what was cut last week (for some ungodly reason). Notes from the All-Zete "Convention" at MIT's Rho Alpha Chapter: Another famous line to crash and burn by: "Did you know your bra glows in the blacklight?" Woog doesn't dance and neither does she. How many Smoots does it take to cross the Charles River? (Ans. 362.4) Nate landed a big one, but Art landed a good one (howz yer fling from the wings?) - Now from this week. So, how many people have my beard on their hands? What brand of wet blech do YOU wear? Quote of the week: "I'd put my Jack in her box." - "or at least close to it." Did you know Cindy plays the baton? How about those pink and purple kegs!! Oh well, better dead than red in the head. As decreed by House Manager Kak-Man, Instructions in the use of a plunger (for those without previous plumbing experience, or extensive turds): 1.) Insert implement over opening 2.) Plunge in a continuous vertical rhythmic motion 3.) Continue step 2 until resistance is breached 4.) Withdraw implement.

And now for the real headlines. I already said it, but the All-Zete was a success. The heat is on finally, so now we won't slur our words from numbness. Hello to those we love over in Saudi Arabia right now, sweating it out in the sands, Andy Boyer, John Chestna, and Jeremy Smith still in camp. Hey Pledges, you're doing a great job, get those interviews and don't let a D Phi E get your pin! Let's get moving on the philanthropy bit. Thanks to the courts of Worcester for a successful case against delinquent border Bridget (bodged! bodged! bodged!)

Anyway, all in all it's been a pretty garbled week at Zete. So, til Debbie does Dan Quayle in the Vatican, nuff said.



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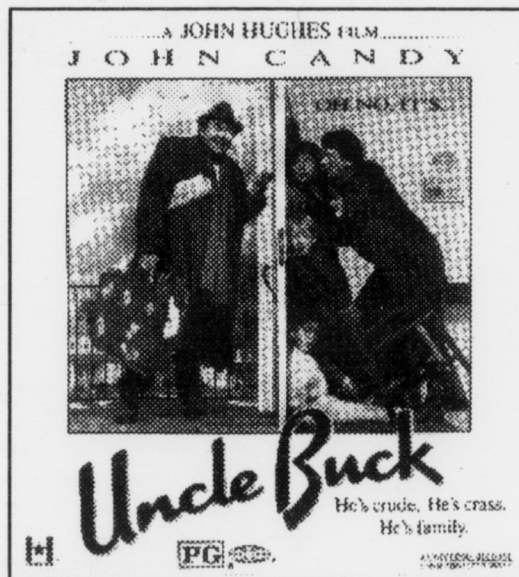
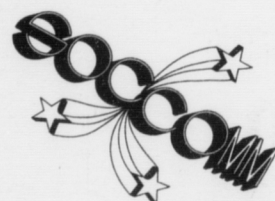
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12<sup>th</sup>

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## POLICE LOG

**Tuesday, 27 November 1990**

5:43pm — ASSIST WORCESTER POLICE: Student reports minor accident on Institute Rd. behind Daniels Hall. No injuries. Worcester Police notified.

**Wednesday, 28 November 1990**

3:22am — MALICIOUS MISCHIEF: Officer reports finding vehicle on Dean St. with broken windows, unable to locate owner of vehicle. Owner later notified. Report filed.

6:52am — INTOXICATED PERSON: Custodian of Institute Hall reports male passed out in bushes near building. Officers respond, intoxicated student escorted to room.

7:02am — INTOXICATED PERSON: Neighbor reports female passed out in her front lawn on Trowbridge Rd. Officers respond female identified as student transported back to room.

**Friday, 30 November 1990**

11:00pm — MALICIOUS MISCHIEF: Sigma Phi fraternity calls to report broken window in house. Officers respond, suspect apprehended, will pay for damages.

**Saturday, 1 December 1990**

1:05 — ALCOHOL VIOLATION: Officer reports recovering alcohol behind Daniels hall, suspect dropped items upon seeing police vehicle and fled.

4:23am — INTOXICATED PERSON: Male subject found passed out in vehicle in the Library parking lot. Student returned to fraternity house.

3:11pm — MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Student reported injured in Daniels Hall, officer responds, transported to hospital by friend.

3:58pm — MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Report of nine-year-old child fallen on baseball field, possible broken arm. Officers respond, ambulance transports to hospital.

**SAFETY TIP:** When on Holiday break, be sure to bring valuables home or conceal them from plain view, also lock and secure all windows and doors.

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